Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A system comprising:

a playlist generator that is configured to create a playlist, and includes:

<u>a user interface that facilitates identification of an identified artist;</u>

an artist similarity module that is configured to identify one or more similar artists to ~~an~~ <u>the</u> identified artist to create an artist list~~,~~<u>;</u>

<u>a user interface that presents the artist list to the user and facilitates the approval or modification of the artist list by a user;</u>

an artist selector, operably coupled to the artist similarity module, that is configured to <u>iteratively</u> select a selected artist from the artist list <u>upon initiation by the user of the generation of the playlist;</u>~~,~~ and

an item selector, operably coupled to the artist selector, that is configured to:

select a selected item associated with the selected artist from a source of items, and

include an identifier of the selected item in the playlist.

2. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the artist similarity module is further configured to identify the one or more similar artists based on a plurality of artists associated with the source of items.

3. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~further including~~ wherein the system further comprises:

a collection of items of a user that correspond to the source of items.

4. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~further including~~ wherein the system further comprises:

a rendering device that is configured to render items identified in the playlist.

5. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the system is further configured to create a subset of source items from the source of items, based on one or more general preferences of the user, and wherein

the playlist generator is further configured to limit the selected item to the subset of source items.

6. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein

one or more items of the source of items are accessible via an Internet access.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~further including~~wherein the system further comprises:

a user interface that facilitates selection of a level of artist similarity, ~~and~~

and wherein the artist similarity module is configured to identify the one or more similar artists based on the selected level of artist similarity.

9. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~further including~~wherein the system further comprises:

a user interface that facilitates selection of a level of artist diversity, ~~and~~

and wherein the artist selector is configured to select the selected artist based on the selected level of artist diversity.

10. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~further including~~wherein the system further comprises:

a user interface that facilitates selection of a level of item diversity, ~~and~~

_____ and wherein the item selector is configured to select the selected item based on the selected level of item diversity.

11. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~further including~~wherein the system further comprises:

an item cluster module that is configured to partition each item associated with the selected artist in the source of items into one or more clusters, based on attributes associated with each item, ~~and~~

and wherein the item selector is further configured to select the selected item based on the cluster of the one or more clusters associated with the selected item.

12. (Currently Amended)   The system ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the item selector is further configured to select the selected item based on whether the selected item is similar to other items associated with the selected artist.

13. (Currently Amended)   A method of generating a playlist, comprising:

~~identifying~~ facilitating a user to identify an identified artist~~,~~:

~~identifying~~ using an artist similarity module of the system to identify one or more similar artists to the identified artist thereby forming an artist list;~~,~~

facilitating the approval or modification of the artist
list by the user;

selecting a select~~using an artist selector of the system
to iteratively select an~~ artist from the ~~one or more similar
artists,~~artist list; and

selecting a select~~using an item selector of the system to
iteratively select an~~ item associated with the select artist,
~~————————~~ and include~~including~~ an identifier of the select item in
the playlist.

14.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13,
wherein

selecting the selected artist includes

selecting the selected artist from a plurality of artists
associated with the source of items, and wherein

selecting the selected item includes

selecting the selected item from a plurality of items in
the source of items.

15.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13,
~~further including~~wherein said method further comprises the step of:

identifying a subset of source items from a source of
items, based on one or more preferences of a user, ~~and~~

and wherein the step of selecting the selected item
includes:

selecting the selected item from the subset of source items.

16.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13, ~~further including~~wherein said method further includes the step of:

identifying a selected level of artist similarity, ~~and~~

and wherein ~~selecting the selected artist~~the identifying of one or more similar artists is based on the selected level of artist similarity.

17.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13, ~~further including~~wherein said method further comprises the step of:

identifying a selected level of artist diversity, ~~and~~

and wherein selecting the selected artist is based on the selected level of artist diversity.

18.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13, ~~further including~~wherein said method further comprises the step of:

identifying a selected level of item diversity, ~~and~~

and wherein selecting the selected item is based on the selected level of item diversity.

19.   (Currently Amended)   The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13, ~~further including~~wherein said method further comprises the step of:

clustering each item associated with the selected artist into one or more clusters, ~~and~~

and wherein selecting the selected item is based on the cluster of the one or more clusters associated with the selected item.

20. (Currently Amended)   The method of as claimed in claim 13, wherein

      selecting the selected item includes

      determining a similarity of the selected item to other items associated with the selected artist, and

      selecting the selected item based on the similarity.